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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph extending from page 10, line 2 to line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

-- The diffusing plate 14a is formed as a rigid plate so as to support a plurality of optical sheet disposed over the light source 12 and firstly diffuses the light exiting from the light source 12 to provide the diffusing sheet with the diffused light. The diffusing sheet 12b-14b is disposed over the diffusing plate 12a-14a and secondly diffuse the light firstly diffused by the diffusing plate 12a-14a.--

Please replace the paragraph extending from page 10, line 7 to line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

-- The first prism sheet 14c and the second prism sheet 14d concentrate the light exiting from the diffusing sheet 12b-14b and enhance the luminance of the light incident into a liquid crystal display panel (hereinafter, referred to as LCP) when the user views the LCP at the front of the LCP. The light exiting from the diffusing sheet 12b-14b has a large viewing angle, or the light exiting from the diffusing sheet 12b-14b exits from the diffusion-diffusing sheet 12b-14b in a large exiting angle with respect to the surface of the diffusion-diffusing sheet 12b-14b.

Accordingly, the prism sheets 12e-14c and 12d-14d concentrates the light exiting from the diffusing sheet 12b-14b such that the light exiting from the prism sheets 12e-14c and 12d-14d has a small viewing angle. Therefore, the luminance of the LCP is increased and power consumption is reduced. The protection sheet 12e-14e is disposed over the second prism sheet 12d-14d.--